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Dear Mr. Qualls -

Excuse me and your committee

to do something immediately and
in the long run about children's T.V.

(AND also about adult T.V.) Please

help provide more programs with
high quality content that help teach

children (and all people) how to think
how to live and value morality

Kindness, traditional virtues;

Less violence MORE values + diversity,

fewer commercials, NO 30-minute
commercials like G.I. Joe and no hiding
JUNK under the name of education.

Sincerely, Roger & Laurie Guffstein

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Dear Sir:

I would like to see Children's t.v. offer programs such as "Sesame Street", "Mr. Rogers", "Reading Rainbow", "1-2-3 Contact", "The Cosby Show", "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" and dramatizations of The Golden Books Series, Aesop's Fables, Uncle Remus Stories, and other classic tales. Documentaries on animals, geography, history, math and science could offer hours of quality entertainment.

I hope my children (14 and 10½) have not been allowed to watch include: "You Can't Do That on Television", "The Simpsons", and "Married with Children". These shows not only show bad manners and disrespectful behavior, they appeal to the lowest common denominator of intellect and morals.

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As a family, we currently enjoy reruns of Andy "Griffith" and "The Beverly Hillbillies", and we regularly watch "Home Improvement", sports telecasts, and nature specials. My 10½ year-old is a great fan of the "Whose the Boss" reruns which often have adult themes but have an underlying sense of good values.

Violence is almost absent from all of the above mentioned shows and stories. When my son was four, he began watching "He-Man" which came on each afternoon. He collected all of the figures and pretended the characters with his friends. The violence in the show, even though good triumphed over evil, had a real effect on him and his playmates as they played at home and even at pre-school when they tried to play "He-Man" on the playground. The teachers had to forbid them to play it.

I feel that the shows I have mentioned show positive ways of dealing with life. They demonstrate the advantages of working hard to reach a goal, of making & keeping friends, of respecting laws, of building strong family relationships, and of appreciating people for who they are not for what they have. Even in all of its silliness, "The Beverly Hillbillies" has these underlying themes.

My husband and I do not watch television regularly, but we certainly enjoy certain programs. We are both college graduates, and he is an

attorney. We have limited the amount of television time for our children over the years, and Nintendo time counted as T.V. time. At present, they rarely watch T.V. on school nights. They are both excellent students who enjoy reading, and I attribute this in part to the hours when the television was off, when they could spend their time reading. We have always allowed them to watch classic shows or specials.

I believe consumers are ready for more responsible programming in all areas but especially in children's programming.

Sincerely,

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